

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

August 7, 2018

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:33 AM in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on August 7, 2018. All Commission members were present including Dr. Forschler, and Mr. Gorecki, via teleconference.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Athens Technical College President and team members, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission addressed Mr. Walt Gewin's request to review the Partial Treatment Rule and reviewed his sample contract. After discussion, the Commission found that the proposal did not meet the criteria for structural protection. Mr. Lastinger will draft a response.
- E. Motion was made by Dr. Forschler to delay the Commission election to September. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed.
- F. Mr. Lastinger introduced Dr. Andrea Daniel, President of Athens Technical College. Dr. Daniel thanked GDA for the long-standing and successful partnership and shared their goals of providing training and training assistance to the industry. Dr. Daniel announced the new online Employee Registration Exam Preparation Course and introduced Mr. Andrew Palmer. Mr. Palmer gave a brief presentation of the course and answered questions. Mr. Lastinger thanked Dr. Daniel and her team and expressed GDA's appreciation for their cooperation and support.
- G. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor discussed several recent incidents of examinees found cheating on examinations and reviewed Notice 07-01 Cheating on Exam Policy.
- I. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology Update. Classes are back in session. He discussed student work on ants in sea turtle nests and a project on hand held compression sprayers. He announced that IPM workshops will be held at the UGA Griffin Campus on August 9 and 23 and Termite workshops are scheduled for September 6-7 and September 20-21.
- J. Mr. Gray provided the department update. He announced that Ms. Jenny Wren was recently promoted to the Ag Inputs Program Director position and recognized her previous work as administrative enforcement manager for Structural Pest and Ag Inputs. Mr. Gray also announced the GDA Food Safety Division was awarded the Elliott O. Grosvenor Food Safety Award by the Association of Food and Drug Officials. He recognized Food Safety's Director, Ms. Natalie Adan, for her hard work.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He discussed some updates to current inspection policies that are part of an effort to improve inspection standardization and address compliance monitoring of current WDO related services and product labels. Full

implementation of the policies has been delayed. The delay will allow more time for communications. He also stated that the State Inspection Fact Sheet has been revised and is posted on the SPCC website.

- L. The Commission discussed the draft Employee Registration Fact Sheet that was distributed at the June meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Gorecki to approve the Employee Registration Policy. Ms. Bragg and Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed.
- M. Ms. Julie McPeak discussed the recommendations made to Commissioner Black regarding spray foam insulation and termites. She discussed consumer outreach that may include a press release. Mr. Gorecki expressed his appreciation to Julie and the Commissioner for helping to get the word out.
- N. Mr. Lastinger discussed the draft revision to the Compliance Fact Sheet for the Termite Warranty Retreatment Rule. Ms. Fitzgerald reported that since February 1, 2017, GDA has 7 regulatory retreat cases that each involved the department responding to a complaint from the homeowner. Mr. Gorecki has reached out to Dow AgroSciences for retreatment protocol information for their termite bait products. He recommended having more time for additional research before making any revisions. An announcement was made that Dow AgroSciences will become Corteva Agriscience effective June 1, 2019.
- O. Mr. Gorecki discussed the draft Alternate Application Technique Guidance. He mentioned that there is a conflict with the defined treatment rule requiring the treatment of the soil beneath the slab of earth filled porches. GDA's legal team advised that a rule change is necessary to remove the requirement.
- P. Mr. Rick Bell provided the legislative and NPMA updates. He also announced that OSHA is creating new guidelines for Silica PEL (Permissible Exposure Limit) for brick and mortar drilling.
- Q. Mr. Lastinger recognized GPCA's new president, Mr. Stuart Sinyard, and expressed appreciation for his attendance.
- R. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1



Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

Chris Gorecki, Chairman
Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman
Christy Kuriatnyk, Georgia Department of Public Health
Dr. Brian Forschler, University of Georgia
Bodine Sinyard, Adams Exterminators
Greg Holley, Zone Pest Solutions
Kim Bragg, Consumer Affairs & Protection Representative

Agenda

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Open – Vice-chairman Lastinger

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a Georgia Pest Exam Update – Dr. Andrea Daniel, President, Athens Technical College
- b New Company Applications – Tim Taylor
- c UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- d Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
 - Department – Tommy Gray
 - Program– Derrick Lastinger
- e Draft Employee Registration Policy
- f Spray Foam Insulation – Julie McPeak
- g Draft Revision Compliance Fact Sheet: Termite Warranty Retreatment Rule
- h Draft AAT guidance – Chris Gorecki
- i Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- j NPMA update – Rick Bell
- k Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Veterans Home Proof LLC – Powder Springs
- Discovery Termite and Pest Control LLC – Fayetteville
- Arrow Exterminators – Woodstock
- Knox Pest Control – Newnan
- Arrow Exterminators – Alpharetta
- TruServ Pest Solutions Inc. – Clarkesville

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- The Bug Doctor – Catoosa County (insurance)
- 120 Pest – Cherokee County (insurance)

The Commission did not approve the following applications:

- Will Kill Pest Control – Dekalb County